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Re: Mayor Copenhaver's Radio Show 'Augusta Today and Tomorrow'

Mayor Copenhaver, through the generosity of Radio One, is hosting his own monthly interview show. The seventh show was taped today and will be broadcast Sunday, August 27th on:

6:00 am Magic 96.9

7:00 am Foxie 103.1

5:30 pm WTHB FM 100.9

This month's guest was newly elected State Representative Hardie Davis of District 122. Mayor Copenhaver started the show by discussing Representative Davis' vision of everyone in the community, mayor, commissioners, legislative delegation working together to move the city forward. Through their experiences in Leadership Georgia, both men have seen how people can work together to achieve a better Georgia, we just need to take those ideas and make it work for Augusta. Both felt a team approach was the right way to go. The people have said they want change in their community and we need to re-establish Augusta as a place of choice to live, work and retire.

The men discussed the great week Augusta has had. The Wall Street Journal printed a piece singing the praises of Augusta as a choice for retirement, Xethanol opened Augusta's first ethanol producing plant and we were the host of Celebrate Rural Georgia that included 800 people in the downtown area. Mayor Copenhaver discussed that he is seeing positive changes. People are looking at

Augusta as an opportunity and he feels within 2 years our government will be running in a surplus.

Issues that still affect the city were discussed. HIV/AIDS and poverty are realities that all citizens must be aware and do what they can to help the less fortunate. When a community takes care of its citizens, it becomes very desirable to others. We have such a treasure in Augusta Tech; knowledge is power and education is key.

The show ended with the men discussing that there is no I in team and we need to focus on a regional team building perspective, too.

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